मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से कोई विशिष्ट अनुरोध प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है ।

Incentives for production of pulses

7585. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstared Question 1960 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th March, 1996 and rate:

(a) what incentives are being given to fanners to produce more pulses;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prices of pulses are soaring high because of the middlemen, and not because of farmers;

(c) what are the average on farms prices of pulses during the current year and what are the wholesale prices and retail prices of pulses during the same period,- and

(d) what steps are being taken to reduce the influence of middlemen?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Pulses Development Project is being implemented in 26 States and Union Territories. Under this programme, emphasis is laid on increasing the area through multiple and inter-cropping and increasing the yield per unit of area. The assistance under this programme is provided for key inputs such as production and distribution of certified quality seeds, distribution of seed minikits for popularising new and improved varieties, distribution of sprinkler sets, distribution of Dal Processors, supply of micro nutrients etc. The Technology Mission on Edible Oilseeds and Pulses under the Ministry of Agriculture has been making social efforts towards raising production of pulses in the country. The National Ban for Agricultural & Rural Development (NABARD) had agreed to sanction a separate line of credit to Central Cooperatives Banks (CCBs) in most of important pulses growing districts.

(b) There are various reasons for rise in the prices of pulses but the existing gap of about 3 million tonnes in the demand and supply of pulses is the most important.

(c) A statement showing the Minimum Support Prices (MSP), wholesale and retail prices of selected pulses during the. crop year 1994-95 (July-June) is given (See below).

(d) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) is the nodal agency for implementing the Minimum Support-Prices scheme for pulses. NAFED is expanding its price support operations to! reduce influence of middlemen and to ensure MSP to the fanners. Pulses are also being supplied at reasonable prices through the retail outlets of Cooperatives Stores. State Civii Supplies Departments etc. The stock limits of wholesale and retails dealing in pulses are regulated through the Pulses. Edible Oilseeds and Edible Oils (Storage Control) Order. Strict actions are taken against hoarders, blackmarketeers and those indulging in unfair trade practices under the Essential Commodities Act and Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential commodities Act.

Statement

Minimum support prices, whoas prices and Retail prices of selected pulses during crop year 1994-95 *{July-June)*

Items/ Centres	Minimum support prices(Rs. per quintal)	Month-end wholesale prices(Rs. per Qtl.)		Month-end Retail prices (Rs. per kg.)	
	1994-95	April,95	July 94	April,95	July. 94
Gram	670 (whole)				
Delhi		980	1550	13.00	18.00
Calcutta		1130	1400	16.00	15.00
Bombay		1225	1441	14.00	19.00
Madras		1221	1650	13.00	17.50
Arhar	760 (whole)				
Delhi		1750	1400	19.00	18.00
Calcutta		2000	1350	22.00	17.00
Bombay		2075	1485	23.00	18.00
Madras		2530	1700	28.00	18.00
Moong (split)	760 (whole)				
Delhi		1560	1375	24.00	18.00
Calcutta		1950	1600	22.00	20.00
Bombay		1500/1700	1400	23.00	18.00
Madras		2064	1666	24.00	18.00
Urad (split)	760 (whole)				
Delhi		2400	1675	36.00	20.00
Calcutta		1850	1170	24.00	15.00
Bombay		1600/2100	1385	38.00	22.40
Madras (II)		2904	1631	30.00	18.00

Source : Directorate of Economic and Statistics M/o Agriculture 2. States/UTs Civii Supplies Departments. Agriculture.